under the proposal be diverted into the Kattangal and interfere with existing rights and that the anticipated return was too low to justify the expenditure.

(*d*) The Karikulavakam tank bund was extended on the right on two different occasions and on the left once. The first work was completed in April 1930 with an expenditure of Rs. 2,475. The object of this work was to prevent the wastage of the tank water over the right flank which it was feared might be caused by the foreshore ryots to save their lands from submersion. Subsequently the bund was further extended in 1932–33 at a cost of Rs. 566. The work was completed in March 1933. This extension was with a view to prevent the inundation of the Adi-Dravida quarters of Vishnuvakkam village on occasions when the tank was full. An extension of the left flank end of the tank bund was also carried out in 1932 at a cost of Rs. 222. This was done to prevent the wastage of the tank water over the left flank end.

(*e*) The thangal was repaired and improved in 1918.

(*f*) No. The sluice itself has only a limited capacity and has needle shutters fitted with regulating arrangements.

(*g*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the second sentence in answer to clause (*a*). It is proposed to raise and strengthen the bund wherever necessary and an estimate for the work has been sanctioned recently.

Repairs and improvements to the Minor Irrigation Works in the districts of South Arcot, Salem and Coimbatore.

* 203 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent on minor irrigation works in each of the districts of South Arcot, Salem and Coimbatore during the last five years;

(*b*) the number and nature of the works carried out and the improvements effected to irrigation sources thereby;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that many of the irrigation tanks in the district of South Arcot, particularly in the taluks of Tirukkoyilur, Tindivanam and Gingee are silted up and have not been attended to for the last five years; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to institute any inquiry into the condition of irrigation tanks in the district of South Arcot with a view to improve the irrigation facilities?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] is attached giving particulars as far as they are available in respect of works in charge of the Revenue Department. Particulars in respect of minor works in charge of the Public Works Department have been called for.

(c) & (d) The Government are not aware that the facts are as stated in clause (c), B.S.O. No. 87, contains detailed instructions for the maintenance of minor irrigation works. The Government do not consider any special enquiry necessary in South Arcot.

Improvements to the Talaparigi in Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district.

* 204 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the question No. 150, dated 5th August 1931, whether any estimate has been sanctioned for the improvement of the Talaparigi in survey No. 51 of Belodu village, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, and, if so, when and if not, why not?

A.—A revised estimate for Rs. 1,785 for improvements to the Talaparigi tank has been sent by the Collector on 4th September 1933 to the Executive Engineer for technical scrutiny.

Repairs to the spring-channels in Pudupalayam village, Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district.

* 205 Q.—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are two spring-channels irrigating about 200 acres of land in Pudupalayam (village No. 130) of Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district;

(b) the present condition of the channels;

(c) whether any repairs have been effected to the channels during the last twenty years and, if so, the nature of the repairs;

(d) whether on 4th September 1933 further damage has been caused to the Mettukalva, one of the two channels; and

(e) whether any representations by the villagers were made to the Collector and the Revenue authorities and the action, if any, taken thereon?

A.—(a) There are two channels in the village: (1) Cheyyar river mettu kal with an ayacut of 186·70 acres and (2) Cheyyar river palla kal with an ayacut of 32·42 acres.

(b) to (e) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 245 infra.